

Youth Transitions Advisory Council
Thursday March 23rd, 2023
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM CST
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L Parks Ave, Nashville, TN 37243
Audio-Visual Room

Meeting Summary

Attendees

Richard Kennedy
 Steve Petty
 Melissa McGee
 Rob Burke
 Cory Bradfield
 Chaney Cruze
 Maggie Renshaw
 Dave Aguzzi
 Ginger Harris
 Troy Jenkins
 Kevin Bland
 Ben Turner

Online Attendees

Carrie Mason
 Chloe Ligon
 Christie Morris
 Darci Halfman
 Eric Moore
 Jackie Talley
 Kathy Robinson
 Kelly Odum
 Kim Peer
 Kristi Banhagel
 Krystal Fortney
 Linda Copeland

Melanie Crowder
 Rosemary Ramsey
 Sabrina Fillers
 Stephanie Athalone
 Sumita Keller
 Wendy Jill Spence
 Latanya Johnson
 Jalen (youth)
 Brandi Osborne
 Teresa Gibson
 Cara Suvall
 Tijuana Miller

Tentative Agenda

<p>Welcome /Announcements/Approval of Previous Meeting Summaries and Recording notification! (Please send your name into the Chat box, so we have a record of attendance.)</p>	<p><i>Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (TCCY)</i></p> <p>Kennedy welcomed everyone</p>
<p>Department of Children’s Services, Office of Independent Living Update</p>	<p><i>Courtney Matthews, Director</i> <i>Dave Aguzzi, Assistant Director</i> <i>Ginger Harris, Youth Engagement</i></p> <p>Office of Independent Living <u>Divisional Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase normalcy activities for youth in custody 14-18 (IL Wrap Services) . • Quality IL and TL planning (Case File Reviews)

- Independent Living Training
- Extension of Foster Care Expansion

Extension of Foster Care Eligibility

Voluntary Program for qualifying young adults up to age 21 who turned 18 in foster care and meet at least one of five eligibility criteria...

1. Completing high school or equivalent.
2. Enrolled in an institution which provides post-secondary or vocational education
3. **Employed for at least eighty (80) hours per month - NEW**
4. **Participating in a program designed to promote or remove barriers to employment - NEW**
5. Incapable of doing any of the above activities due to a serious disability or medical condition.

EFCS Episodes July 1 to February 28

EFCS Data Category	# Served FY23
Total EFCS Episodes	545
Total Young Adults Served	541
Total Active in EFCS	340

EFCS Data Category	# Served FY22
Total EFCS Episodes	753
Total Young Adults Served	739
Total Active in EFCS	305

NEW Eligibility Criteria

EFCS Data Category	# Served FY23
Direct EFCS Entries	3
Re-Established EFCS	11
Maintained EFCS	43
Total	57

Youth Villages LifeSet

Maggie Renshaw, LaTanya Johnson

Latanya joins us with youth, Jalen
 Jalen has been in custody since age 8, various foster and group homes. Now 19, preparing to go to Austin Peay and play D1 football. Jalen heard about Lifeset through EFCS, met LaTanya through that. Advice: try to relate and understand to youth's circumstances.

Legislative Update

Richard Kennedy, Executive Director, TCCY

TCCY is an independent state agency, operational since 1988. In addition to YTAC, we work with state, community, nonprofit orgs seeking to improve lives of youth and families.
 This year, a caption bill was filed that opened the code establishing TCCY. Last Monday an amendment was filed to eliminate the

	<p>commission and imbed the work with other departments. When news began to spread, the outpouring of support was overwhelming. Statewide, child-serving associations advocated on behalf of the Commission. As of now, the Senate has rolled the bill to the first calendar of 2024, and the House subcommittee took the bill off notice. We are hopeful the bill will not be taken up until next January. Commission members were previously unaware of the amendment, and will now turn their attention to evaluating the potential legislation at the next quarterly meeting in May. Commission members have sent the Governor a letter expressing opposition to the measure.</p> <p>Coming up at TCCY – community meetings, seeking input to improve TCCY</p> <p>TCCY is limited in our ability to advocate for ourselves, so partnerships like YTAC are important to demonstrate the value of the council. We cannot tell you what position to take, but consider whether TCCY brings value to your work.</p> <p>Other Bills – Youth Justice Review Commission, would function much like the 2nd look commission. The bill creating the commission passed out of Senate Committee this week and is scheduled for House Committee next week.</p> <p>The Governor’s bill establishing paid family leave for state employees has passed the senate.</p> <p>A substantial investment is being made in DCS, and it is long overdue.</p>
<p>Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Update</p>	<p><i>Sabrina Fillers, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator, TDMHSAS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical High Risk for Psychosis (CHR-P) Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently with CMI Healthcare Services in Shelby Co. ○ Serves ages 12-15 at risk of developing psychosis ○ Ends 09/29/22 with potential no-cost extension to close out ○ Dept plans to apply for new 4-year CHR-P services SAMHSA grant ○ Preliminary results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0 conversions to psychosis ▪ Increase in school enrollment ▪ Decrease in crisis ▪ Increase in life satisfaction • First Episode Psychosis (OnTrackTN) Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using COVID relief funds, adding 3 additional OnTrackTN sites for a total of 8. ○ The new sites have received preliminary training and 2 of them began enrolling in Feb. ○ Serves ages 15-30 who have experienced a first episode of psychosis within the past 2 years ○ 144 youth/young adults served this fiscal year (as of Dec. 2021).

- Recent outcomes:
 - 69% reduction in behavioral health reasons
 - 59% increase in symptom improvement
- Healthy Transitions
 - 2 sites
 - Mental Health Cooperative (Davidson)
 - Frontier Health (Greene)
 - Serves ages 16-25 w/mental health diagnosis or co-occurring disorder, including co-occurring intellectual/developmental disability
 - Provided education & awareness of youth/young adult mental health to 16,327 individuals across TN
 - Direct outreach to 283 youth
 - 50 youth/young adults served this fiscal year
 - Recent outcomes:
 - + positive functioning in daily life
 - - psychological distress
 - - use of illegal substances
 - Notable events:
 - Partnership with TN DIDD to receive training on serving youth and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Statewide Young Adult Leadership Council (YALC) meets monthly
 - Healthy Transitions Summit to be held March 30/31
 - Learn to navigate “The New Normal”
- Certified Young Adult Peer Support Specialist (CYAPSS) Program
 - Launched May 2021
 - 18 young people trained from Sept 2021-March2022
 - Quarterly trainings based on # of applications received
 - 1 individual fully certified; others on the way soon.
 - Eligibility
 - 18-30 yrs old
 - One year of recovery, healing and wellness, from mental illness or substance abuse
 - High school diploma or equivalent
 - Willingness to discuss lived experience with peers, staff, and the public
 - May not have a conservator
 - Application Process, Training, and Certification
 - 75 hours supervised peer support services
 - 3 references

Updates from Resource Centers

Christie Morris, Project Now!

- Christie is returning from a 4 month absence. October is Survey Month – youth were able to complete surveys. 13 Youth were able to complete Financial Literacy classes, and Sisters saving
- Sisters/Manhood program
- Partnering with CAC to assist unhoused or under-resourced population. Cooking classes – Youth Advisory Board has met with the mayor to address housing issues. McNabb has received 10 more referrals to the program.

Stephanie Athalone, River City

- Time of transition: New director of stability – Joy Key
- Since October, hosted Friendsgiving etiquette dinner in partnership with the Career Center
- Partnership with Chattanooga State – Tammy the liaison is part of the liaison pilot.
- Foster Care Awareness Day at Chattanooga State.
- Another College Tour – adding Miller-Mott and
- Entrepreneur Week – meet local entrepreneurs, share stories, potential mentoring matchups

Chaney Cruze, Youth Connections

- Youth Connections is Monroe Harding's Resource Center at 523 Church St. in Nashville
- Monroe Harding celebrates its 130th birthday!
- Activities:
 - 3 young adults are working on certificate programs the grant through a grant from Jim Casey
 - Legal Secretary
 - Pharmacy Technician
 - Certified Dog Trainer
 - 4 young adults are participating in paid internships through Monroe Harding's pilot program with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program
 - Social Work
 - Construction/Maintenance
 - Davidson County Chancellor
 - Recent Opportunity Passport Matches
 - Vehicle purchase match
 - Microenterprise match – screen printing
 - Vehicle repair match
 - More...
 - "Art & Appetizers" event
 - Sexual Health Education (SHE) goes on the road

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Works Wonders referrals increase thanks to changes in EFC – choice between school and work ▪ Upcoming – Community Breakfast 05/18 and Graduation 05/30
Announcements	<p>Eric Moore: Omnivisions has opened their new Independent Living Home. 3 beds for males are available. Their Jackson home, for females, is at capacity and a second facility is being explored. One bed is available for a young man in Nashville.</p> <p>Rosemary Ramsey: Have the EFC benefits changed for independent living centers for people that meet the expanded criteria?</p> <p>Dave Aguzzi/Courtney Matthews: No</p>
Meeting Dates	<p>2023 Proposed Meeting dates:</p> <p><i>June 22, 2023</i></p> <p><i>August 10, 2023</i></p> <p><i>October 5, 2023</i></p>